



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6317***

LCO No. 2679

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Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING REGISTRATION OF GROWERS OF SWINE  
AND THE CONTROL OF CERTAIN DISEASES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1      Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Any person, firm or  
2      corporation engaged in the growing of swine that are to be used or  
3      disposed of elsewhere than on the premises where such swine are  
4      grown shall register with the Commissioner of Agriculture on forms  
5      furnished by the commissioner. The commissioner may make orders  
6      and regulations concerning examination, quarantine, disinfection,  
7      preventive treatment, disposition, transportation, importation, feeding  
8      and sanitation for the protection of swine from contagious and  
9      infectious disease. Said commissioner shall, at once, cause an  
10     investigation of all cases of such diseases coming to his or her  
11     knowledge and shall use all proper means to exterminate and prevent  
12     spread of the same. Instructions shall be issued, in writing, by the  
13     commissioner or his or her agent that shall contain directions for  
14     quarantine and disinfection of the premises where such disease exists.  
15     No swine shall be brought into Connecticut by any individual,

16 corporation or common carrier, unless the same originate from a herd  
 17 that is validated as brucellosis-free and qualified pseudorabies-  
 18 negative, and are accompanied by a permit issued by the  
 19 commissioner and an official health certificate showing such animals  
 20 to be free from any contagious or infectious disease, except that swine  
 21 brought into this state for the purpose of immediate slaughter upon  
 22 premises where federal inspection is maintained need not be  
 23 accompanied by an official health certificate and the owner of each  
 24 establishment where federal inspection is maintained shall report  
 25 weekly to the commissioner, upon forms furnished by the  
 26 commissioner, the number of such swine imported. Such permit shall  
 27 accompany all waybills or, if animals are driven or carted over  
 28 highways, shall be in the possession of the person in charge of swine.  
 29 In addition to any other requirements of this section, all swine  
 30 imported for other than immediate slaughter that are over three  
 31 months of age, other than barrows, shall be negative as to a blood test  
 32 for brucellosis and pseudorabies within thirty days of importation.  
 33 With approval of the State Veterinarian, a thirty-day blood test may  
 34 not be required for swine originating from, and residing for at least  
 35 thirty days prior to importation in, a state that is validated as  
 36 brucellosis-free and stage V pseudorabies-free, or for swine originating  
 37 from any herd which the State Veterinarian determines to be  
 38 pathogen-free. With such approval, swine may be imported pursuant  
 39 to an import permit and a current official health certificate. All swine  
 40 brought into the state for immediate slaughter shall be killed in an  
 41 approved slaughterhouse under veterinary inspection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To reenact statutory language that was inadvertently repealed and that otherwise enables the Commissioner of Agriculture to prevent the spread of swine diseases.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*